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Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.136**

A four (4) month extension of time, from February 14, 2002 to and including May 14, 2002 is requested to respond to the Notice to File Missing Parts mailed November 14, 2001 in the above-referenced application. The large entity extension fee of \$1,440 is enclosed herewith.

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